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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
Executive Director

FROM : Deputy Director for Intelligence

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25X1 3. He then mentioned that he had been in touch with [Redacted] about getting CIA to pay the salaries of CIA secretaries on assignment to the NSC. He added that both State and DoD now pick up the full tab for both their professional and support people on the NSC Staff, whereas CIA presently only pays for the professionals. Several of the CIA secretaries at the NSC have now spent more time there than at CIA. Kimmit intends over time to get rid of the CIA secretaries and replace them with secretaries from DoD or State unless we can pick up the cost. It seems a shame to me to lose the opportunity for CIA secretaries to have a rotational assignment at the White House -- an exciting experience for a couple of years or so. (C)

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25X1 4. This is where these issues join. If the NSC cannot pay for [Redacted] I recommend the following package deal.

- CIA will pay the base salaries of our secretaries at the NSC at a GS-09 level. NSC would pay all costs above that grade and for overtime.
- The secretaries who are there now would be told that they will be returning to CIA in one year. (Most of them are now higher graded than they could hope to be at CIA. Therefore, they face the prospect of demotion, in some cases of several grades).

*What do we do with those who do come "Happily" back?*

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-- We would then replace these people with more junior secretaries and limit their assignments to 2-4 years, at which time they would either have to resign or come back.

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5. I think both of these actions serve our longer range interests, [redacted] by insuring the continuing opportunity for rotational assignments for CIA secretaries to the NSC. (It would also help clear our books of some secretaries who have been away for many years and probably hope never to return here.) (C)

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cc: Executive Secretariat

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